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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 1, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

*Title:* Organic Production Survey (OPS).

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) is authorized under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) to collect these data. The 2008 Farm Bill appropriated \$1 million to NASS for assimilating and disseminating information. This survey will be a follow-on survey to the 2007 Census of Agriculture Survey and will use as a sampling universe every respondent on the 2007 Census of Agriculture Survey who reported organic production for sale in 2007. Data collection will be in the spring of 2009.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Sales of organic products have been increasing at a rate of 20 percent annually according to the Organic Trade Association. This survey will provide organic information on acreage in production, commodity, expenses, marketing practices (handling, distribution, retail, and consumer purchasing patterns), and prices received by organic producers. Additionally, this survey will attempt to measure the contribution to the Organics industry from the operations currently transitioning to organic production and those producers that are exempt from the certification process due to not reaching the minimum sales threshold of \$5,000.

*Description of Respondents:* Farmers, ranchers and farm managers self identified as organic producers.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: One time.

*Total Burden Hours:* 9,975.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-ST-08-0102]

### Plant Variety Protection Board; Open Teleconference Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference meeting of the Plant Variety Protection Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

**DATES:** December 15; 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service Conference Room, Room 3074, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janice M. Strachan, Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), Science and Technology Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, telephone number (301) 504-5518, fax (301) 504-5291, or e-mail [PVPOmail@usda.gov](mailto:PVPOmail@usda.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Board is authorized under section 7 of the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2327). The Board advises the Secretary of Agriculture on rules and regulations implementing the Act. On December 15, 2008, the Board will conduct a teleconference meeting to discuss improving the Plant Variety Protection Office Application Process and other related topics.

The tentative agenda for the teleconference meeting includes: (1) Welcome and opening remarks; (2) Action on general recommendations from Board minutes of September 9, 2008 teleconference meeting; (3) Financial status of the PVP Office; (4) PVP outreach activities; and (5) Adjournment.

The public may attend the teleconference at the following address: USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service

Conference Room, Room 3074, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All attendees are required to register with the PVP Office at 301-504-5518 before December 11, 2008. Identification will be required to be admitted to the USDA's South Building.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation should be directed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Minutes of the teleconference will be posted on the Internet Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/PVPO>.

Dated: December 1, 2008.

**William T. Sessions,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Solicitation of Nominations

##### *Correction*

In notice document 08-27724 appearing on page 70613 in the issue of Friday, November 21, 2008, make the following correction:

In the first column, the subject heading should read as set forth above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0129]

#### Public Meetings; National Tuberculosis Program Listening Sessions; Correction

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings; correction.

**SUMMARY:** We are correcting an error in a notice advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will host a series of public meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comments regarding current challenges and new approaches for future tuberculosis control methods and eradication in view of budgetary constraints. The notice, which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2008 (73 FR 70310),

provided an incorrect location for the meeting to be held in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** The Washington, DC, public meeting will be held on December 16, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., local time. Meeting registration will be from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. prior to the public meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The Washington, DC, public meeting will be held at the Renaissance M Street Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Alecia L. Naugle, Program Manager, National Tuberculosis Program, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-6954.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2008 (73 FR 70310), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced a series of meetings to discuss its National Tuberculosis (TB) Program. The meetings are designed to assemble a wide range of producers and other stakeholders to discuss current challenges and potential new approaches for TB control and eradication in view of budgetary constraints. The meetings will be held in various geographical locations to facilitate attendance. Participants will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer written and oral comments.

In that meeting notice, we provided the incorrect location for the December 16, 2008, public meeting in Washington, DC. The correct location is the Renaissance M Street Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of December 2008.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Grey Towers Visitor Comment Card

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Grey Towers Visitor Comment Card.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before February 3, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Nicole Bernarsky, U.S. Forest Service, Grey Towers National Historical Site, P.O. Box 188, Milford, PA 18337.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (570) 296-9675 or by e-mail to: [nbernarsky@fs.fed.us](mailto:nbernarsky@fs.fed.us).

The public may inspect comments received at Grey Towers National Historic Site during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (570) 296-9630 to facilitate entry to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Bernarsky, Grey Towers National Historic Site, (570) 296-9630.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Grey Towers Visitor Comment Card.

*OMB Number:* 0596-New.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Abstract:* The Forest Service is proposing a new information collection for a visitor comment card to be used at Grey Towers. Located in Milford, Pennsylvania, Grey Towers was originally the summer estate of the James Pinchot family and later the primary home of Gifford Pinchot, America's first forester and founder of the USDA Forest Service. In 1963, Gifford Bryce Pinchot, son of Gifford and Cornelia, donated Grey Towers and 102 acres to the U.S. Forest Service, the Federal agency founded by his father and which now administers the site.

The U.S. Forest Service works with numerous partners to carry on the Pinchot legacy by delivering public programs, interpretive tours, and conservation education programs. Embracing a philosophy of preservation through use, Grey Towers, in partnership with the Pinchot Institute, also functions as an active conference center for conservation and natural resource issues. Today, conferences and seminars at the estate bring together a diversity of leading conservation and environmental thinkers to help guide the future of natural resource conservation.

Grey Towers strives to provide quality-based programs and events; and participant input is vital to achieving this goal. The proposed comment card